

The Understood Subject

In a request or command, the subject of a sentence is usually not stated. *You* is the **understood subject**, even when the request or command includes a **noun of direct address**, a name that identifies the person spoken to or addressed.

EXAMPLE Please read the first question aloud, Tony. [Who is to read? *You* is the understood subject; *Tony* is a noun of direct address.]

EXERCISE Rewrite each of the following sentences as a request or a command with an understood subject. Use the underlined words in the first five sentences as nouns of direct address.

Example 1. Amy will show us a copy of the survey. _____

Show us a copy of the survey, Amy.

1. For tomorrow, the class will read the chapter. _____

2. Sherise plans to tell us about the career of a highway patrol officer. _____

3. José will explain the reasons for the popularity of those jobs. _____

4. Karen will describe some careers in medicine. _____

5. Eduardo will list the requirements for a career as a travel agent. _____

6. You should respond to each survey question with only *yes* or *no*. _____

7. You should take notes as you read the chapter. _____

8. You should review these articles about computers. _____

9. You can report your findings to the rest of the class. _____

10. For additional information, you can search the Internet. _____